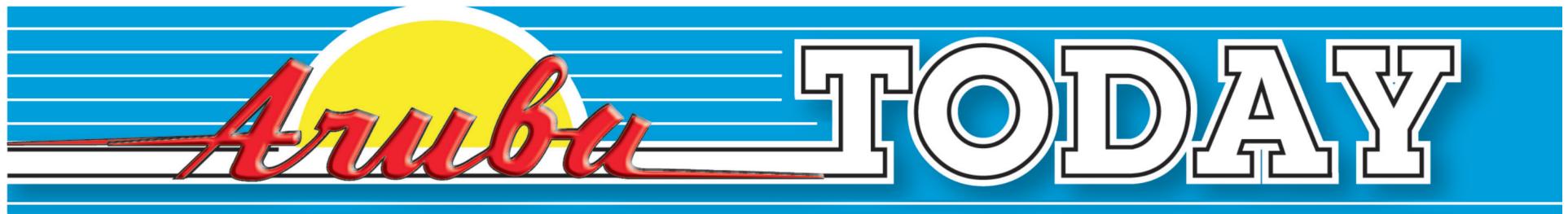


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## Phil'in great



Phil Mickelson holds the championship trophy after winning the Houston Open PGA Tour golf tournament on Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Humble, Texas. Mickelson won the tournament with a 20-under par 268.

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## Another Tea Party Star on the Rise

By JEFF ZELENY

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WEST DES MOINES, Iowa

— Sarah Palin, the reigning heroine of many social conservatives, has given few signals that she will make a presidential bid. Mike Huckabee, who won the Iowa caucuses in 2008 on the strength of his appeal to evangelicals and other constituencies, has mostly offered reasons for not joining the race. So into that space has come Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota. Best known as a fiery presence on cable television and the founder of the House Tea Party caucus, she is now exploring whether to seek the Republican presidential nomination. And early reaction to her in Iowa, where she was born and raised, suggests not only that she might do it, but also that she could have a substantial impact on the race.

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Supporters of Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi burn a defaced portrait of President Barack Obama during a demonstration outside the U.N. compound in central Tripoli, Libya, April 2, 2011. As a stalemate held in the eastern front of Libya, the capital, Tripoli, remained under a tight lockdown. A panic set off by the defection of the Gadhafi confidante Moussa Koussa eased slightly as only one other high level official appeared to have fled in his wake.

(Moises Saman/The New York Times)

## 2 Gadhafi sons to push Father aside

By DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK

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TRIPOLI, Libya — At least two sons of Moammar Gadhafi are proposing a resolution to the Libyan conflict that would entail pushing their father aside to make way for a transition to a constitutional democracy under the direction of his son Seif el-Islam, a diplomat and a Libyan official briefed on the plan said Sunday. Both the rebels challenging Gadhafi and the American and European powers supporting them with airstrikes have so far insisted on a more radical break with his 40 years of rule. And it is not clear whether Gadhafi, 68, has signed on to the reported proposal backed by his sons, Seif and Saadi, although one person close to the sons said the father appeared willing to go along. But the proposal offers a new window into the dynamics of the Gadhafi family at a time when Gadhafi, who has seven sons, is relying heavily on them. Stripped of one of his closest confidantes by the defection of For-

ign Minister Moussa Koussa and isolated by decades of attempted coups and internal purges, he is leaning on his sons as trusted aides and military commanders.

The idea also touches on longstanding differences among his sons. While Seif and Saadi have leaned toward Western style economic and political openings, Gadhafi's sons Khamis and Muammar are considered hard-liners. Khamis leads a fearsome militia focused on repressing internal unrest.

And Muammar, a national security adviser who also commands his own militia, has been considered a rival to Seif in the competition to succeed their father. But Saadi, who has drifted through careers as a professional soccer player, a military officer and a businessman, firmly backs the plan, an associate said. The two sons “want to move toward change for the country” without their father, one person close to the Seif and Saadi camp said Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.

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*(Steve Hebert/The New York Times)*

#### TEA PARTY STAR

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On a break between meeting voters and conducting radio and television interviews – a staple of nearly every day – Bachmann took a seat in the bar of a hotel here and left no doubt that she was serious about running. “It isn’t that I was born thinking I had to be president,” she said, leaning in and talking softer than she does on television or at Tea

Party rallies. “I’m getting a lot of encouragement to run from people across the country. I don’t believe this is a rash decision.” There is a pecking order in Congress, and Bachmann’s televised Tea Party response to the president’s State of the Union address irritated House Republican leaders, who had already rebuffed her when she sought a leadership position this year.

But there are no rules of se-

niority in presidential politics, where exploring a candidacy takes little more than an airplane ticket to an early-voting state and a roster of curious party activists. After a four-day visit to Iowa late last month in which Bachmann declared, “I’m in!” at several stops, it became clear that Republicans were taking notice. At a minimum, the clamor among some social conservatives for Palin to run has quieted as the attention surrounding Bachmann has grown. “If Congresswoman Bachmann gets in, she has the potential to appeal to a lot of people who might have gone for Gov. Palin,” Gov. Terry Branstad of Iowa said in an interview. “Imagine if they both got in. That could make it really interesting.”

Bachmann would have substantial obstacles to overcome. She has already made some high-profile gaffes – including declaring late last month that the opening shots of the Revolutionary War took place in New Hampshire, not Massachusetts. □

#### GADHAFI

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“They have hit so many brick walls with the old guard, and if they have the go-ahead, they will bring the country up quickly.” One son, this person said, “has said many time the wishes of the rebellion were his own.”

The proposals are the latest turn in a drama between Seif and his father that has played out for years on the stage of Libyan public life as the son has alternately pushed forward with calls for political reforms and then pulled back. During the recent revolt, he appeared to march in lockstep with his father in vowing to stamp out the rebels. “We are coming,” he declared to a crowd of supporters who chanted, “Seif el-Islam, step on the rats.” The proposals are also the latest sign that the Gadhafi government may be feeling the pressure from two weeks of allied airstrikes that have severely diminished the advantage in equipment of the Gadhafi militias.

A senior Libyan official arrived in Athens for talks about a potential resolution to the conflict, the Reuters news service reported. And Mohamed Ismail, a top aide to Seif, is returning from a trip to London, where, a Libyan official said, he presented the proposal for Seif to take over from his father.

Mutuassim may be particularly resistant because of his long-standing rivalry with Seif.

After Seif made a high-profile trip to Washington to meet with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in 2008, a WikiLeaks cable reported, the attention paid “exacerbated tension with his siblings.”

When Mutuassim visited Washington the next year, the American ambassador to Libya wrote, “Mutuassim’s desire to visit Washington this spring and his seemingly overweening focus on having meetings with senior U.S. government officials and signing a number of agreements are driven at least in part by a strong sense of competition with Saif al-Islam.” □



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President Barack Obama delivers remarks at a UPS shipping facility in Landover

## Obama likely to announce re-election bid next week

By Jeff Mason  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Barack Obama is likely to announce plans next week to run for re-election and file campaign papers with the Federal Election Commission as early as today Democratic officials said on Saturday.

Filing with the FEC would allow Obama, a Democrat, to start raising money for the 2012 campaign that is expected to shatter records in political spending.

Two Democratic officials said no final decision has been made about the timing of an announcement or filing.

Obama is in the middle of a budget battle with congressional Republicans and has focused his message in recent weeks on reducing U.S. dependence on foreign oil and investing in innovation and education themes he likely will highlight in his bid to hold on to the White House next year.

At the same time, Obama has been defending U.S. involvement in military operations in Libya.

Republicans are pressing Democrats to make deep spending cuts to shrink the U.S. deficit, another issue that could play a crucial role in the campaign.

The Republican field of presidential challengers is still wide open, however, and no one has formally announced a bid.

Obama is expected to avoid overt campaigning while his potential Republican opponents compete against each other.

But he has started doing some fundraising events for his party in recent weeks. Formally announcing his candidacy would allow Obama to start filling his own campaign's coffers directly, too. The president got a boost on Friday with a Labor Department report showing a slight decline in the U.S. unemployment rate to 8.8 percent. An improving economy is seen as critical to his re-election hopes.

Opinion surveys show U.S. voters are split over Obama. A Real Clear Politics average of several polls showed 47.4 percent of Americans approving of his performance in office and 46.6 percent disapproving.

Poll averages also show Obama beating potential Republican rivals including former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich.

Obama, a U.S. senator from Illinois before winning the 2008 U.S. presidential election, intends to base his re-election campaign out of Chicago. Obama's former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor of Chicago in February and will take office May 16 when longtime Mayor Richard M. Daley retires. □

From Florida

## Pastor is focus of Muslim outrage

By Kevin Gray

Associated Press

**MIAMI** — An American Christian preacher who caused an international uproar last year by threatening to burn the Koran has put himself back in the spotlight after incinerating Islam's holy book again with deadly consequences.

Thousands of protesters in northern Afghanistan, enraged over news that the Florida pastor Terry Jones had overseen a torching of the Koran, stormed a United Nations compound on Friday, killing at least seven U.N. staff.

Jones, a 58-year-old fundamentalist pastor and the head of a small fringe church in Gainesville, Florida, drew worldwide condemnation in September over his plans to burn the Koran on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Several people were killed in protests then in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Muslim world.

Jones eventually canceled that event under intense pressure from the U.S. government, the Pope, and other global leaders.

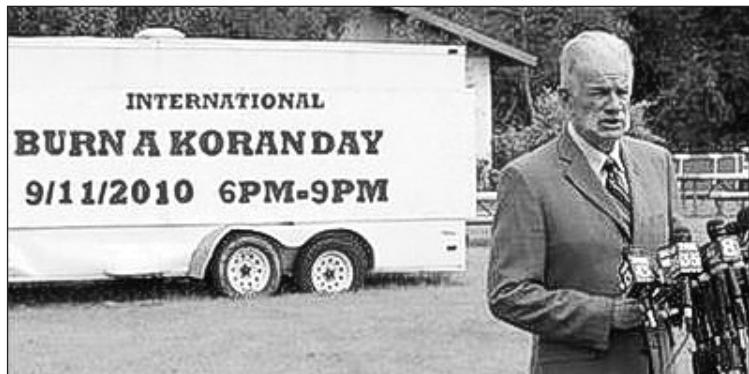
But he has remained an outspoken critic of Islam, and says parts of the Koran can lead to violence and terrorism. On March 20, he presided over what he called an "International Judge the Koran Day" in which he supervised the burning of the book in front of some 50 people.

Video posted on the website of his Dove World Outreach Center church showed a kerosene-soaked book going up in bright flames in a metal fire pit similar to those often found in backyards and patios, but located inside the church.

"We believe parts of the Koran, if taken literally, do lead to violence and terrorist activities, do promote racism or prejudice against minorities, against Christians, against women," he said shortly after the Koran burning.

"The terrorist jihad people use the Koran," he said.

Some Muslim leaders, including Pakistani President



Dove World Outreach Center church pastor Terry Jones announces the burning of the Korans will continue as planned during a news conference in Gainesville, Florida

Asif Ali Zardari and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, have denounced the burning and video.

Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe condemned the Koran burning and the Afghan violence it had caused.

"It's important that the world and nation know that this particular individual and these actions are not representative of our community," Lowe said in a statement, quoted by the Gainesville Sun newspaper. □

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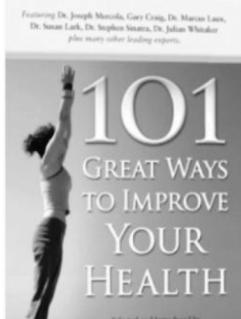
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## Giant yellow teddy bear to brighten New York City

By Michelle Nichols  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** – London has Paddington Bear but New York now has a giant yellow teddy bear, a great sculptural masterpiece that could sell for more than \$9 million at auction in May, Christie's said on Saturday. A 23-foot high, bronze teddy bear slumped under a black bedside lamp will be on display for five months in midtown Manhattan from next week and be a highlight of the Post-War & Contemporary sale on May 11. The 35,000 pound sculpture, Untitled is the work of New York-based Swiss artist Urs Fischer. Brett Gorvy, Christie's deputy chairman for Post-War and Contemporary Art, described Fischer as the Jeff Koons of his generation. "We have seen contemporary sculpture works by Jeff Koons selling at \$25 million and Urs Fischer is the leading pretender to the throne," he said. "He is considered the most impor-



Fluffy the teddy bear

tant, the most provocative of contemporary artists today." Gorvy said the U.S. collector selling the sculpture, whom he declined to name, had already turned down a private offer of \$9 million. "The anticipation is that it will make more than that," he said. "There's a very good chance it's going to go to a museum or a private institution." The teddy bear, which has button eyes, is currently being assembled in the plaza of the architecturally acclaimed Seagram Building skyscraper on Park Avenue. Gorvy said getting the city permits to install the sculpture was a project in itself. □

## Hundreds of homes evacuated Colorado wildfire forces evacuation

By Keith Coffman  
Associated Pres

**DENVER** – An out-of-control wildfire has charred 2,000 acres, destroyed at least one house and forced the evacuations of 336 homes in a mountain canyon west of Fort Collins, Colorado, fire officials said on Sunday.

More than 200 firefighting ground crews are battling the blaze about 65 miles northwest of Denver, Nick Christensen, spokesman for Larimer County, Colorado told reporters at a mid-morning briefing. Wind gusts up to 90 miles per hour in the narrow canyon blew the fire up from 20 acres to 2,000 overnight as flames roared into two subdivisions, prompting the early-morning evacuations, Christensen said. "We experienced extreme conditions last night and anticipate more structure damage," Christensen said.

Reghan Cloudman, fire information officer for the U.S. Forest Service, told AP that



Colorado Burning

the fire is "zero percent contained," and residents of a third neighborhood are on standby for evacuation should the fire make a run in their direction. Cloudman said that a helicopter and two air tankers are prepared to make water and fire retardant drops, but will not go airborne until fire managers assess the situation. "Right now public and firefighter safety is the primary focus," she said. Most of Colorado is under a "red flag warning," this weekend, meaning the risk for fires is high because of dry weather, low humidity and high winds. A series of grass fires erupted along Colorado's Front Range on Saturday, but were all contained. The largest blaze scorched 2,000 acres in the grasslands of Weld County on the high plains of eastern Colorado. A cold front moved into Colorado Sunday morning and National Weather Service forecasters predict rain and snow, higher humidity and lighter winds should ease the fire danger. □

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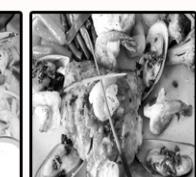
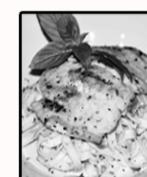
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In Chicago

## Three-year-old boy falls to his death from rollercoaster



Rollercoaster of terror

**CHICAGO** — A 3-year-old boy freed himself from a safety harness. Stood up and fell to his death from a roller coaster he was riding with his family at a Chicago suburban amusement park, authorities confirmed on Sunday. Jayson Dansby, of Chicago suburb

Dolton, was sitting near the front of the moving "Python Pit" roller coaster with his twin brother at the Go Bananas amusement park about 15 miles northwest of Chicago when he freed himself and fell, Norridge Police Chief James Jobe said.

In West Virginia

## Year after mine blast, family can't move on

By VICKI SMITH  
Associated Press

NAOMA, W.Va. — Gary Quarles kneels on his living room carpet and unrolls the 4-foot-long map that he's studied so many times, trying to understand why his son died in the Upper Big Branch mine. As a coal miner with 34 years underground, Quarles explains how things worked before the Massey Energy mine in Montcoal exploded a year ago Tuesday.

He sees the pace of the longwall cutting machine, the places it was forced to slow down. And he sees where his 33-year-old son Gary Wayne Quarles was working with crewmates Grover Skeens and Joel Price, and their supervisor, Rick Lane.

They are identified on paper as Victims 9-12.

And they're not where they were supposed to be.

They were, Gary Quarles believes, running for their lives, trying to escape after something went wrong near the end of their 10 1/2-hour shift. □

The family watched the tragedy at around 7 p.m. local time Saturday night and Dansby was pronounced dead of head injuries after his fall, Jobe said. State inspectors immediately closed the ride and are

scheduled to return Sunday to complete a thorough inspection of the ride and park.

"The village has pulled the park's business license and they are not allowed to operate until the park's rides are

completely inspected," Jobe said. Height requirements are not posted near the ride but Dansby met the park's height requirements, which are posted at the park's entrance, Jobe said. □

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In Nebraska

## Woman is mayor and only resident, of town



Elsie Eiler

By Kevin Murphy  
 Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo — Elsie Eiler is the most admired person in Monowi, Neb. She is also the smartest, wealthiest, best-looking and youngest. "And the oldest," she is quick to add. When you are the only resident of a community, every title fits. Eiler, 77, is the lone inhabitant of Monowi, a village in northeast Nebraska. That is unique, according to new 2010 U.S. Census data, which indicates

Monowi to be the only incorporated town, village or city in the country with only one resident.

Monowi had two people in 2000, the census showed, but the other one was Eiler's husband, Rudy, and he died in 2004.

"We probably have the record by going down in population 50 percent," Eiler quipped. "I chose to stay here after my husband died. It's home." Eiler lives in a mobile home a half-block from the only business in town -- the Monowi Tavern. This is convenient because Eiler owns and operates the tavern. She and her husband bought the place in 1971 and she is there 12 hours a day serving drinks and food. Eiler also runs the town library, a tiny building jammed with 5,000 books that is dedicated to Rudy, a devoted reader. □

## Child welfare second-guess jobs

By COLLEEN LONG  
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — When child welfare worker Kelly Mares investigates an abuse case, she doesn't know what's going to greet her on the other side of the door. A ferocious dog. Or a gun. Or a meth lab, or angry parents who lash out violently. She takes those risks willingly, she says, because she believes in protecting the city's most vulnerable. But she's not willing to risk going to jail. After two of her co-workers were charged with criminally negligent homicide in the death of a 4-year-old Brooklyn girl under their care, she's rethinking her career.

"I do not want to go to work every day afraid that I'm going to be arrested for doing my job, and right now that's how everybody feels and it's really scary," she said, her voice cracking. Workers at child welfare agencies around the country tell similar sto-



Kelly Mares, a child protective specialist, poses for a photograph at her home in New York. When Mares investigates an abuse case, she doesn't know what's going to greet her on the other side of the door.

ries of taxing, emotional and frustrating jobs that are low in pay and high in stress because of hostile families, tight budgets and overburdened court systems. Workers juggle several cases, make as little as \$28,000 a year and usually burn out after a couple of years. In Brooklyn, an investigator and supervisor for the New York City Administration for Children's Services are arguing they were too busy to record their work in the case of Marchella Pierce, who died after being beaten, drugged and starved to 18 pounds, about half of what a child her age should weigh. If and when they go to trial, a central issue will be whether city workers who fall down on the job should be held criminally responsible and the outcome could set a precedent for how failures are handled in the future. □

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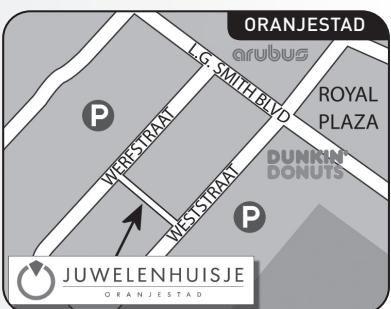
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*With the handicapped*  
**FARVa celebrates 15 years of rowing**



**ORANJESTAD** - The Fundacion Pa RemaValidacion (FARVa) which has as its goal to get Aruba's handicapped out of isolation and into a rowing boat, celebrated its 15 years of existence at their boat house on Surfside Beach opposite the Talk of the Town Hotel last Saturday morning. It was a full house and an especially animated one, as board members, volunteers and rowers came together. First there was the usual rowing in the rowing boats; afterwards they gath-

ered for the festivities on the porch of the boat house, baptized Loods van Joost in fond memory of Joost Veroude, one of FARVa's enthusiastic athletes, who was visually challenged and who lost his life four years ago.

Special guests of the occasion were FARVa's founder Mr. Heinz Behrens and his wife Thea, who are on a visit to the island, members of the first FARVa board and the Minister of Sports, Richard

Visser. Toasts and speeches were made and then the minister was taken into a boat first for a short trip. He impressed everyone present by taking the oars and rowing away like he had done it all his life. Mr. Visser earned his wings on the water for sure!

Photos show Minister Richard Visser with FARVa President Jan Broeksema, FARVa founder Heinz Behrens, FARVa board members from 15 years ago and the current ones. □



At El Gaucho Restaurant

# Eric Wente conducts a wine tasting



**ORANJESTAD** - Eric Wente, of Wente Wines visited El Gaucho Restaurant, during his weekend stay on the island, as a guest of Arion Wine Company. The affable CEO of the

famed wine company was on the island for a charity golf tournament yet he took the time to personally introduce the dining room staff of the island's landmark Wilhelmin-



astraat steakhouse to his collection of quality wines. Wente, a member of the fourth generation of wine makers has been to Aruba already a number of times and he reports keeping close contact with various popular Caribbean destinations which carry his wines, as well as cruise liners pouring it for their dining room patrons.

In collaboration with his siblings and children, Eric Wente has grown the company to include a large number of acres of vineyards in the Livermore

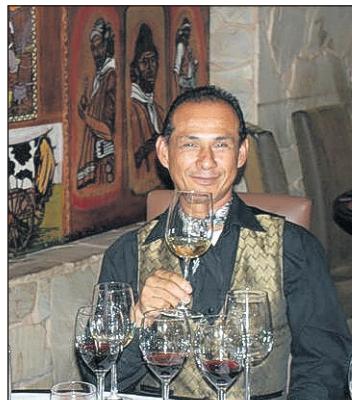
Valley, San Francisco Bay and in Arroyo Seco, Monterey. The family is looking forward to many more years of award winning wines since C. H. Wente, a German immigrant, became the first-generation of wine makers to start the business in 1883.

Joost Röben of Arion Wine Company and restaurant supervisor Margaret joined the crew while Wente guided the tasting of three whites and three reds, Tamas Estates, 2009 Pinot Grigio, Morning Fog Chardonnay 2009, River

Bank Riesling 2008, Crane Ridge Merlot 2007, Short-horn Canyon Syrah 2008 and Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon 2008.

Wente charmed his audience with interesting tasting notes and revealed that the vineyards are situated in one of Northern California's historic winegrowing regions.

At the end of the session Wente awarded a gift to Francis Loopstok who excelled in upselling Wente Vineyards wines for the first week of a planned six week incentive. □



## Bridge results Aloha Bridge Club Aruba

Thursday, March 31, 2011. A total of 10 pairs joined the bridge session of this morning at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort. The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Maritza van Romondt / Willy Flanegin 62.08 %
2. Helen and Chris Goody 59.11 %
3. Gerry Meenhorst / Nelly Aal 57.14 %
4. Els Lacle / Ghislaine Mendes 54.95 %
5. Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 53.26 %.

Friday, April 1st , 2011

A total of 9 pairs attended the bridge session of this evening at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

The following guest players joined the group: Bernadine and Pat Flavin from the U.S. and Hetty and Franklin Roosenhoff from the Netherlands. The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Addy Eilers / Jan van der Roest 61.40 %
2. Fred van der Leest / Chris Joosten 60.25 %
3. Marion Pijper / Carola Pinxter 60.21 %

Friday, April 1st , 2011

4. Helen and Chris Goody 57.50 %.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers, tel. 5824953. □

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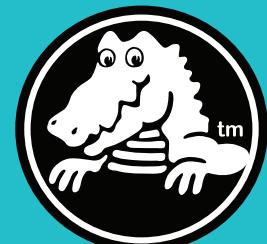
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Owners Michael & Tina Bislick

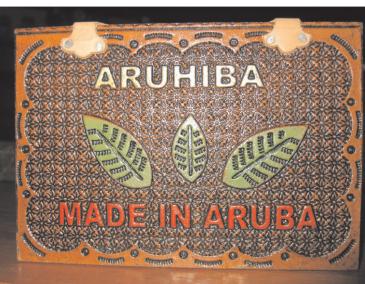
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# Big winners at the Casino at the Radisson



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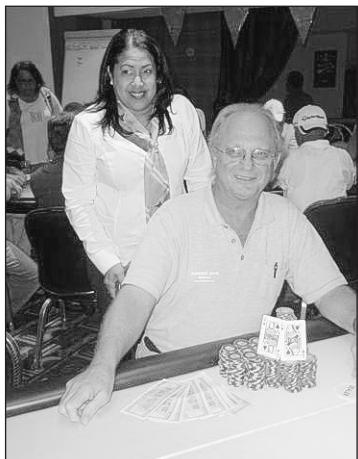
As planned, the casino hosted two slot tournaments this week, providing all guests with great entertainment, and some also cash, including Bertha Wernet, Kathy Knapp & Maida Dirksz who split the \$600 prize money offered to top players. Michael Gasser from Vienna, Austria staying at the Holiday Inn, on his first visit to Aruba, playing his first ever slot tournament won first place, sharing the \$600 purse with Roland Franken and repeat winner Kathy Knapp, staying at the Caribbean Palm Village, who has been visiting Aruba for the past 20 years. The weekend's Poker Tournament made John McCann the ultimate winner.

The Casino at the Radisson is rewarding its slot players with fun giveaways every weekend, building up to the raffle of a car, a Suzuki SX4,



on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile Yolanda Coello won an iPod Classic in the weekly drawing, Marklin Albertus was awarded Sunday Brunch for two at the Sunset Grille Restaurant and Govanne Quandus collected dinner for two at Laguna Restaurant. The elegant 14,000 square foot facility is centrally located within the hotel and operates with approximately 250 slot machines, 15 table games, also featuring a cozy bar, showing sports all day. □

Palm Beach – This past days the Casino at the Radisson has awarded slot players in excess of \$ 12,000 in jackpots. Some of the lucky winners included Bernie Lazaro, from Hudson, Massachusetts, staying at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa who pocketed



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## Future Jobs Won't Meet Basic Needs

By Hartley Engel

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Future jobs will not pay enough to support a basic standard of living, according to a new report.

The study shows that many new jobs will be in sectors such as food services and retail, which are notoriously low-paying and devoid of benefits.

According to the report, a single parent with two children must earn about \$30,000 to maintain a decent standard of living, whereas a household with two wage earners needs an income of about \$68,000.

This appears to be rather bad news indeed. But does this dark cloud have a silver lining?

There are benefits to experiencing economic hardship. It forces one to reevaluate their priorities, to focus on what is truly important in life. It affords one an opportunity to be thankful for what they do have. It engenders an "attitude of gratitude."

When faced with financial deprivation, people are forced to cut non-essential expenditures such as entertainment and junk food. This offers the potential for tremendous benefits. Spending less time at the multiplex allows more time to cultivate and nurture interpersonal relationships; cutting down on unhealthful food makes one, well, healthier.

*Millions spent abroad*

## Millions cut at home

By Cynthia Tucker

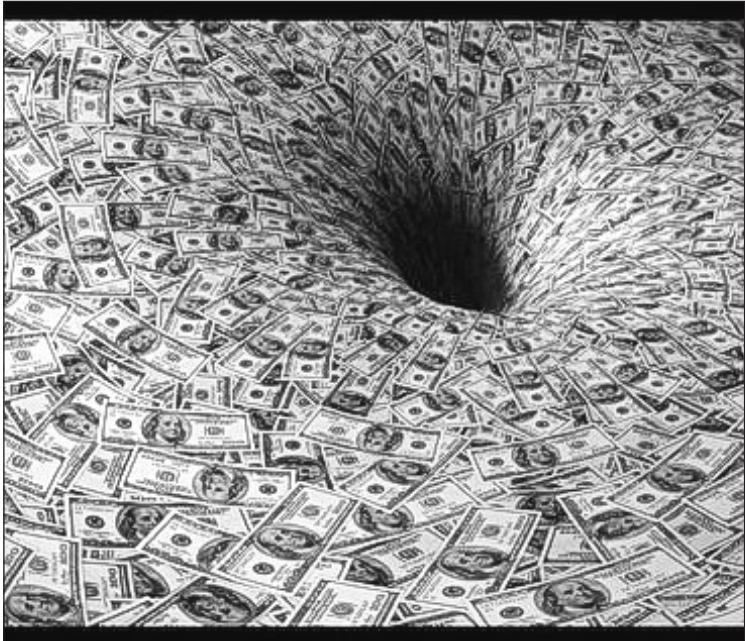
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** -- Each Tomahawk cruise missile fired at Libyan targets in the last several days costs \$1.4 million. Given the barrage of missiles, it's no surprise that the total cost for Tomahawks after the first week was nearly \$269 million, according to the Pentagon.

When you add bombers, destroyers and assorted other war machinery, Operation Odyssey Dawn cost taxpayers nearly \$600 million in the first week; a scaled-down engagement will continue to cost as much as \$100 million a week, experts say. Still, in a country as prosperous as this, that's not a ruinous amount of money.

But given the current mindset in Congress where politicians are proposing cuts to Head Start, nutritional aid to indigent mothers and health care for the poor our Libyan intervention does speak loudly to priorities. How can we afford to save Libyan civilians from the predations of Moammar Gadhafi if we can't afford to save Americans from foreclosures and disease?

Last week, President Barack Obama laid out a reasonable case for his decision to summon Western allies to inter-



Millions down the hole anyways

vene in Libya, stressing the need to prevent a humanitarian crisis. He pointed out that Gadhafi is an iron-fisted tyrant who thought nothing of bringing in mercenaries, shelling cities and blocking supplies of food and water to citizens who opposed him. I get it: It was an emergency.

But a slow-speed emergency is playing out all over this country, where many of the jobless have been forced to live in cheap motels, go without food and parcel out their children to relatives. If we can't afford more generous assistance to those who cannot find work, how can we afford all those Tomahawk missiles?

If we can't afford to fund public health clinics, how can we consider paying for arms to Libyan rebels?

Yet the budget debate here has been all but silent on the costs of a new war. Oh, a few notables have dared to question our spending priorities. A week ago, on NBC's "Meet the Press," the eminently sensible Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said: "It makes no sense in the front room, where in Congress we are debating seemingly every day the deficits, the debt ceiling situation coming up, the huge economic problems we have but in the back room we are spending money on a military situation in Libya." □

## It is time for a fair share US politics

By Katrina vanden Heuvel

Associated Press

At a moment when nearly two-thirds of US corporations don't pay any federal income taxes, and companies are sitting on trillions in cash while refusing to hire new workers, the only thing we hear when it comes to tax reform is that we need to cut the corporate tax rate.

You just can't make this stuff up.

Yet it's par for the course in this take-no-prisoners, slashonomics budget debate, where fighting to protect programs that help people get basic needs like housing, healthcare and heat is derided, but no corporate loophole is left unprotected.

ed. The debate in Washington has almost always been out of touch with the realities of people's lives, but that gap has now widened into a gulf perhaps greater than we've seen in generations.

Yet I still have hope.

A strong inside-outside strategy to reset, reboot and reframe the budget debate is emerging. The spirit, energy and outrage we saw in Wisconsin is being sustained and nurtured in communities across the country. Driven by progressives allied with the labor movement, people from a great range of backgrounds are standing up and delivering a message: our problem isn't one of caring too much for working people

and the most vulnerable and it won't be solved by cutting vital investments. Our problem is freeloading corporations that need to pony up their fair share.

What demoralized progressives need to remember is there are allies on Capitol Hill showing real moxie, and doing what they can to offer real alternatives that respond to rising suffering, inequality and corporate greed, rather than shrink from it.

Consider the good Senator from Vermont, Bernie Sanders.

Always the people's champion, he's called for closing corporate tax loopholes to raise more than \$400 billion



Senator from Vermont, Bernie Sanders

over a ten-year period. He's also introduced legislation that would impose a 5.4 percent surtax on millionaires and yield up to \$50 billion per year. In the House, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky in-

roduced the Fairness in Taxation Act, which would create new tax brackets for millionaires and billionaires.

Sanders is also relentless in countering the lies about corporate tax rates. □

In Libya

# Rebels battle Gaddafi forces in oil town

By Alexander Dziadosz

Associated Press

**BREGA, Libya** – Warplanes flew over Brega on Sunday as rebels fought troops loyal to Muammar Gaddafi for control of the east Libyan oil town, rebel fighters said.

Near the eastern gate of Brega, a sparsely populated settlement spread over more than 25 km aircraft and the thud of explosions and machinegun fire could be heard.

Black smoke rose further west and hundreds of cars carrying volunteer rebel fighters streamed away from the town. Later, half a dozen rockets struck near the gate.

Rebels waiting there held their



**Rebel fighters pray at the graves of around 10 fellow rebels who were killed in what they say was a coalition airstrike on a group of vehicles along the road between Ajdabiyah and Brega**

ground while the silhouettes of men and trucks could be seen scouting the desert far beyond the road.

Four rockets burst from their

launchers and zipped across the wasteland toward Brega. Fighting also raged between

the university and the western gate near the entrance to the Sirte Oil Company.

"Those planes that circled last night didn't hit anything," rebel fighter Osama Abdullah said, suggesting the absence of air strikes was the result of NATO taking command of the coalition forces from France, the United States and Britain. A Western coalition air strike killed 13 rebels late on Friday near Brega's eastern gate.

The rebel leadership called the bombing an unfortunate mistake and said air strikes were still needed against Gaddafi's better-armed units. A friend of Abdullah who gave

his name as Youssef said: "We need weapons that can fight against the tanks and Grads that Gaddafi has."

Comments from rebel volunteer fighters near the gate marking Brega's eastern limit suggested that better trained anti-Gaddafi army units continue to battle government forces around the town's university 15 km to the west, without any clear outcome.

"Gaddafi wants Brega because of the oil."

He is focusing on Brega and the rebels have the same idea," Ahmed Mansour, an engineer with the Sirte Oil Company living in Brega, said. □

In Pakistan

## Suicide blasts at Sufi shrine kills forty-one



Policemen remove explosives from a suicide bomber as he lies severely injured at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Dera Ghazi Khan. Two Taliban suicide bombers caused carnage at a Sufi shrine in eastern Pakistan, killing at least 41 people and wounding scores in the latest bloody attack on minority religious groups

By Asim Tanveer  
Associated Press

**MULTAN, Pakistan** – Two Taliban suicide bombers caused carnage on Sunday at a Sufi shrine in eastern Pakistan, killing at least 41 people and wounding scores in the latest bloody attack on minority religious groups. "These were suicide bombings and we arrested an attacker who could not completely detonate the explosives on his body. He was wounded," Zahid Ali, a police officer in Dera Ghazi Khan city where the blasts took place, told AP by telephone. Police said some 65 people were wounded. They said the attackers struck during an annual ceremony for the Sufi saint to whom the shrine is dedicated.

"I was just a few yards away from the place where the blast happened," said witness Faisal Iqbal. "People started running outside the shrine. Women and children were crying and screaming. It was like hell." □



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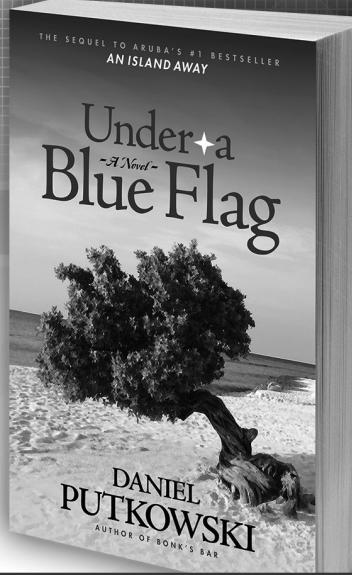


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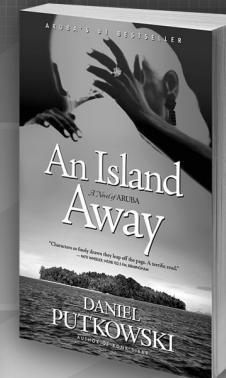
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In Gulf of Mexico

## BP to resume deepwater drilling

LONDON – BP will resume deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico in July, some 15 months after the British energy giant was thrown into crisis after a fatal oil spill in the region, a newspaper said Sunday.

BP is said to have granted 24-hour access to US government overseers and has pledged to meet safety requirements that go beyond tougher rules imposed after the accident, The Sunday Times reported.

A source close to the company said: "BP is hoping to resume drilling in the summer once it shows it can satisfy applicable regulatory conditions, as set out by the US offshore regulator."

A BP spokesman contacted



A woman walks along the deserted beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama, in 2010.

would not comment on the story in a phone call to AFP. BP will initially be allowed to only maintain or increase production on existing wells, ruling out exploration projects, The Sunday Times added.

The company's chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg last month said the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill sparked by an explosion on a BP-leased platform was no reason to stop deep sea drilling. □

In Afghanistan

## Two killed, dozens hurt in third day of protests



Personnel carry the casket of one of seven U.N. employees killed in an attack on Friday in Mazar-i-Sharif, at Kabul airport, in this handout

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – Two policemen were killed and more than 30 people wounded in the southern city of Kandahar on Sunday during the third day of protests across Afghanistan against the burning of a Koran by a militant fundamentalist Christian U.S. pastor, officials said. Violence at earlier demonstrations claimed more than 20 lives. Ten people were killed and more than 80 wounded in Kandahar on Saturday. Seven foreign U.N. staff and five Afghan protesters were killed on Friday after demonstrators overran an office in normally peaceful Mazar-i-Sharif city in the north. A senior interior ministry investigator said on Sunday the killers of the U.N. staff appear to have been "re-integrated" Taliban fighters who had formally laid down arms although the insurgents have denied any role in the attack. In Kandahar on Sunday, hundreds of people marched toward another U.N. office, again denouncing the actions of U.S. preacher Terry Jones, who supervised the burning of a Koran in front of about 50 people at a church in Florida on March 20. The governor had promised a strong police presence and it initially appeared the march would end peacefully; many of the morning's demonstrators had drifted away before violence began. □

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Forensic police officers walk from the scene of a bomb in Omagh, County Tyrone on Saturday.

## Northern Ireland condemns murder of rookie policeman

by Peter Muhly  
 Associated Press

**OMAGH** – Northern Ireland politicians expressed outrage Sunday over the murder of a policeman, as they insisted the killing would not derail the peace process.

Catholic officer Ronan Kerr, 25, was killed Saturday by a bomb placed under his car outside his home in the town of Omagh, the scene of Northern Ireland's worst terror atrocity. He had completed his training only three weeks ago.

Responsibility for the attack has not yet been claimed. However, senior politicians pointed towards dissident Catholic republicans who oppose the 1998 peace accords with Protestants. "These people have not advanced by one millimetre their cause," Northern Ireland First Minister Peter Robinson told BBC television.

"All they have done is united a community against them and left a mother and family stricken with all of the anguish that comes with the loss of a young son."

"It is a despicable act, an evil act and I believe that the community will unite together and I hope people will give whatever information they have to the PSNI." □

*In Libya*

## Rebel says they seek democracy

By BEN HUBBARD  
 Associated Press

**BENGHAZI, Libya** – Libyan rebels want to install a parliamentary democracy in place of longtime ruler Moammar Gadhafi, one of their top leaders said Sunday, dismissing Western fears that their movement could be hijacked by Islamic extremists.

Gadhafi's forces, meanwhile, pressed on with attacks Sunday against Misrata, the last key city in the western half of the country still largely under rebel control. Government troops besieged civilian areas for around two hours with Grad rockets, mortar shells and lined a main street with snipers, said a doctor in the city.

Abdel-Hafidh Ghoga, vice chairman of the National Transitional Council, described the opposition's vision for a post-Gadhafi Libya in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Libyans as a whole and I am one of them want a civilian democracy, not dictatorship, not tribalism and not one based on violence or terrorism," he said.

The movement has faced questions about its character and goals from many Western



A rebel fighter holds a cigarette in his mouth and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher in his hands, near to the front line east of Brega.

nations even as they delivered the international airstrikes that have pounded Gadhafi's military forces. So far, the airstrikes have not been enough to give rebel fighters the upper hand over Gadhafi's superior troops, and Western officials are debating whether arming the rebels should be the next step.

In Washington, the chairman of the Intelligence Committee in the House of Representatives was among several key lawmakers cautioning that the U.S. and its allies needed to know much more about the rebel forces before providing them with weapons.

Mike Rogers, a Republican from Michigan, said on NBC television's "Meet the Press" that there may be strains of al-Qaida within the rebel ranks and the NATO-led coalition in the campaign against Gadhafi should proceed with caution before arming them.

Libya's opposition has said any extremists among their ranks would be few in number, and Gadhafi's own punishing campaigns crushed Islamic militants in the country years ago.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said Sunday that his country would neither arm the rebels nor send ground troops to Libya.

"We have taken no decision to arm the rebels, the opposition, the pro-democracy people whatever one wants to call them," he told the BBC.

A British diplomatic team arrived Saturday in the rebels' de facto capital of Benghazi in eastern Libya to speak to members of the opposition council to learn more about their aims, British officials said Sunday.

While acknowledging the importance of Islam in Libyan society, Ghoga insisted that "there is no place for an Islamic state in Libya." □

# Mad men & women



By MAUREEN DOWD

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**WASHINGTON** — Republicans hate social engineering, unless they're doing it.

Wishing they had the power to repeal the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" and get back to the repressed "Mad Men" world they crave, some conservative lawmakers grumpily quizzed upbeat military brass on Friday.

"We're starting to try to conform the military to a behavior, and I remember going through the military, we took behaviors and we formed it to the military," said Rep. Allen West of Florida, warning ominously (and weirdly) that "this could be the camel getting his nose under the tent." The House Armed Services subcommittee hearing was led by Joe Wilson, the oh-so-subtle Republican congressman from South Carolina famous for yelling "You lie!" at President Barack Obama. Wilson started off the hearing by saying that the legislation to let gays stop lying while they risk dying was rushed through in an "undemocratic" lame-duck session.

Two top Pentagon officials testified that the transition was going swimmingly, yet Republicans scoffed. Rep. Austin Scott of Georgia demanded the price tag. Clifford Stanley, an under secretary of defense, replied that the training materials cost only \$10,000.

Scott harrumphed, "If something was done at DOD for \$10,000, I would like to know what it was." He said that hundreds of thousands had

been spent training a soldier in his district to disarm IED's, but the soldier wouldn't re-enlist because of the "social policy."

The Democrat Chellie Pingree of Maine jumped in to note that the cost of purging gays between 2004 and 2009 was \$193.3 million: "It's not only unconscionable ... but the costs are horrendous."

Scott persisted in looking for trouble, even after Vice Adm. William Gortney, director of the joint staff, said the Pentagon had seen no problems so far.

The congressman asked the admiral if he had ever dismissed anyone. Gortney said he had dismissed a young sailor who acknowledged being gay after "don't ask, don't tell" first passed.

"Did you discharge him from the service because he was gay?" Scott asked. "Or because he violated the standard of conduct?"

"Because he was gay," Gortney said.

"He did not violate the standard of conduct before he was dismissed?" Scott pressed.

"He did not," Gortney said.

"Well," Scott said, once more at a loss, "that's not the answer I thought you would give, to be honest with you."

Gortney assured him there were "very few cases" of gays' being dismissed for violating the standard of conduct. After the Republican rout in November, the story line took hold that because of the recession and Tea Partiers' fervent focus on the debt as a moral matter, divisive social issues were going on the back burner. But lo and behold, social issues have roared back. Many in the Tea Party have joined that chain-smoking, cocktail-quaffing Mad Man John Boehner in the martini party to put a retro focus on wedge issues, from gays to abortion.

Like Boehner, who complained that Democratic leaders were "snuffing out the America that I grew up in," some Tea Partiers are jumping in a time machine. They can't stop themselves from linking social issues to the budget. □



## Is it better to save no one?



By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

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Critics from left and right are jumping all over President Barack Obama for his Libyan intervention, arguing that we don't have an exit plan, that he hasn't articulated a grand strategy, that our objectives are fuzzy, that Islamists could gain strength. And those critics are all right.

But let's back up a moment and recognize a larger point: Obama and other world leaders did something truly extraordinary, wonderful and rare: they ordered a humanitarian intervention that saved thousands of lives and that even Moammar Gadhafi's closest aides seem to think will lead to his ouster.

We were all moved by Iman al-Obeidi, the woman who burst into the reporters' ho-

tel in Tripoli with her story of gang-rape and torture, only to be dragged away by security goons. If we had not intervened in Libya, Gadhafi forces would have reached Benghazi and there might have been thousands of Iman al-Obeidis. It has been exceptionally rare for major powers to intervene militarily for predominantly humanitarian reasons. One rare example was the U.S.-led Kosovo campaign in 1999, and another was Britain's dispatch of troops to Sierra Leone in 2000 to end the brutal civil war there. Both were successes, but came only after years of killings that gradually built up the political will to do something. Critics argue that we are inconsistent, even hypocritical, in our military interventions. After all, we intervened promptly this time in a country with oil, while we have largely ignored Ivory Coast and Darfur — not to mention Yemen, Syria and Bahrain. We may as well plead guilty. We are inconsistent. There's no doubt that we cherry-pick our humanitarian interventions. But just because we allowed Rwandans or Darfuris to be massacred, does it really follow that to be consistent we should allow Libyans to be massacred as well? Isn't it better to inconsistently save some lives than to consistently save none? □

If the Libya operation is successful, moreover, it may help put teeth into the emerging doctrine of the "responsibility to protect" — a landmark notion in international law that countries must intervene to prevent mass atrocities. And that might help avert the next Rwanda or the next Darfur. After the Vietnam War, many Americans were traumatized by the very idea of using military force. As a result we were too slow to react to genocides in Bosnia and Rwanda, and hundreds of thousands died as a result. Then we recovered our moxie — and unfortunately barged into Iraq. The difficulties of Iraq and Afghanistan have again made many Americans — particularly on the left — allergic to any use of military force, even to save lives in a limited operation with very few civilian casualties, like the one in Libya.

I don't think the United States should arm Libyan rebels, partly because that would require training them to use the weaponry, and we shouldn't have military boots on the ground, for fear of a nationalist backlash among Libyans. But we can step up the bombing of Libyan military units (arguably necessary to protect civilians), making clear to those units that unless they stand down, they will be destroyed. □

# Dhoni, Kirsten, Tendulkar make team world beaters

India's Sachin Tendulkar is carried by fellow team members as India wins the Cricket World Cup final between India and Sri Lanka in Mumbai, India, Saturday, April 2, 2011.

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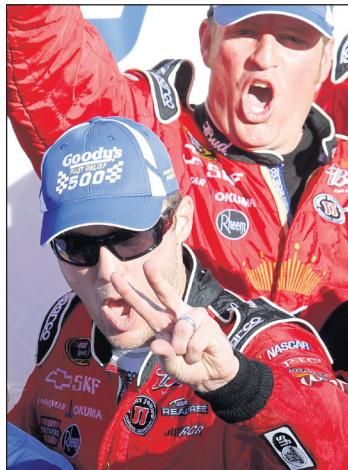
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Kevin Harvick, front, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, April 3, 2011.

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## Harvick makes late charge to win at Martinsville

JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Virginia (AP) — Kevin Harvick overcame an ill-handling car to charge to the front, pass Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the lead and hold on to win Sunday's race at Martinsville Speedway. Earnhardt had taken over the lead with 20 laps to go with a pass of Kyle Busch that brought everyone in the grandstands to their feet. But Harvick closed quickly, pulled onto Earnhardt's bumper with four laps to go, and made his pass in the second turn. Earnhardt tried to get the lead back, but conceded as they rounded the fourth turn. Harvick then sailed away for his second consecutive victory.

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# GOOD PHIL HUNTING



Phil Mickelson stretches his hand after hitting his second shot on the third hole during the final round of the Houston Open golf tournament, Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Humble, Texas.

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# Dhoni, Kirsten, Tendulkar make team world beaters

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MUMBAI, India (AP) —

When Mahendra Singh Dhoni lofted Nuwan Kulasekara for the winning six against Sri Lanka, he stood gazing at the ball as it flew through the Mumbai night sky, soaking up the sweet moment and the reward for four years of hard work and the introduction of a work ethic and team bonding not seen in previous Indian teams. Four years ago, the team was in ruins after crashing out in the first round of the World Cup in the Caribbean, with fans baying for the cricketers' blood.

But the transition in the next four-year cycle has been outstanding, the picture completed with the six-wicket victory at the Wankhede Stadium, when Dhoni anchored the run chase with his knock of 91.

The three characters who stand out for India in the transformation of the team's approach are Dhoni, low-profile coach Gary Kirsten and the indefatigable Sachin Tendulkar.

If Dhoni has marshaled his resources well, Kirsten has been the facilitator of systems and Tendulkar the biggest inspiration for younger players.

These three have transformed the team into a powerful unit that has done well in different conditions around the world and also come back from the brink to achieve impressive victories. Tendulkar, who has



Indian cricketplayers, from left to right Shantakumaran Sreesanth, Sachin Tendulkar, Harbhajan Singh, Suresh Raina, Piyush Chawla and Virender Sehwag pose with the trophy after winning in the Cricket World Cup final match between Sri Lanka and India in Mumbai, India, Saturday, April 2, 2011.

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played with many top players in his 21 years of international cricket, said Saturday he was enjoying playing like never before.

"This team shows a lot of self belief and is extremely consistent," Tendulkar said after the victory. "It is a great honor to be part of this team."

The Indian team, already enjoying top ranking in test cricket, is now also atop the one-day table.

In the past few years, India has come back undefeated from test tours of Australia

and South Africa, won a test series in New Zealand as well as one-day series in Australia and Sri Lanka, all considered difficult feats for any team.

But the one event that triggered the cycle was the Twenty20 World Championship victory in South Africa four years ago, which offset the despair of the 2007 World Cup and refreshed the side.

Dhoni gave the first glimpse of his charismatic qualities as

a leader of a young team and slowly took over as captain of one-dayers and test matches too. Dhoni conceded the other day that he does not believe in too much planning and likes to give players freedom as well as responsibilities.

"I don't even attend the bowlers' meeting. I'm happy to let them come up with strategies and keep that out of my mind," he said about the Zaheer Khan-led attack.

But Dhoni, like most others, accepts that South African Kirsten's contribution has been immense, specially in removing the insecurities that have dogged players in the past.

"Everyone knows what he has done for the team. He knows our players very well and is probably the best thing to happen to Indian cricket," Dhoni said of him.

Supporting Kirsten has been South African Paddy Upton, credited with the players' better mental conditioning.

The team management has also thought out of the box and been inspired by the likes of high altitude climber and Arctic explorer Mike Horn. □

## Colby Granstrom captures slalom crown at nationals

PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

WINTER PARK, Colorado

(AP) — Colby Granstrom broke up Tommy Ford's monopoly at U.S. championships, winning the slalom with an excellent final run in snowy conditions.

Julia Mancuso couldn't add to her career mark of 13 U.S. titles, skiing off the course on the first run in the women's race Sunday. She won the super-G and giant slalom earlier this week.

Granstrom cruised through a technical course in a combined time of 1 minute, 42.67 seconds, beating Ford by 1.33 seconds. Seppi Stiegler took third on the mushy course.

The day was still a success for Ford.

He captured the crown in



Colby Granstrom, from Lake Stevens, Wash., races in the slalom course at the men's U.S. Alpine National Skiing Championships in Winter Park, Colo., on Sunday, April 3, 2011. Granstrom won Sunday's competition.

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the combined, which meshes the times from the super-G that Ford won Saturday and

the slalom. Ford has won six national titles in the last two years. □

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# The Unlikelys: Butler and UConn play for it all

By EDDIE PELLS

AP National Writer

**HOUSTON** — Butler coach Brad Stevens loves an underdog, whether it's his team back in the Final Four or Connecticut making an unprecedented five-games-in-five-nights run through the Big East tournament.

Wait, what?

A Big East team as an underdog? The coach at tiny Butler cheering for big, bad UConn?

Welcome to the bizarro world of college basketball in 2011 — a sport where not only is anything possible, but where nothing quite makes sense. A sport in which the story of a small school from a small conference making a run to a title is no more rare than that of the late-season magic conjured by a power program with one of the nation's best

players.

Butler and Connecticut will meet Monday in the national title game — the eighth-seeded Bulldogs trying to finish the deal after coming oh-so-close last season and the third-seeded Huskies (31-9), led by Kemba Walker, talking about shocking the world with their 11th straight victory after a regular season that foreshadowed none of this.

"We were all rooting for UConn because it was a great story," Stevens said, "a lot of fun to follow."

As is Butler, the team from a 4,500-student campus in Indianapolis that practices at Hinkle Fieldhouse, used as the backdrop for the classic movie "Hoosiers" — the based-on-reality melodrama in which tiny Hickory High stares down the biggest

schools in Indiana and wins the state championship. On its second try.

What seemed impossible in that movie is becoming more the norm, at least in the college game. Last season, Butler (28-9) came one desperation heave from toppling Duke to become the first true mid-major to win the championship. This season, Butler wasn't even the biggest longshot at the Final Four.

That was VCU, an 11th seed that fell to the Bulldogs in Saturday's semifinal.

As recently as 2008, the NCAA tournament landed all four No. 1 seeds in the Final Four. This year, there wasn't a single 1 or 2 for the first time in the 33-year history of seeding.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun said this has been the natural progression since the NCAA



started limiting scholarships and new NBA rules triggered a flood of players who would come to college for one year, then declare for the draft.

"It's as close to parity as there can be," Calhoun said. "It certainly can occur in a tournament a lot more than it could playing a Saturday night, then Big Monday. It's just the nature of things. ...

The one-and-done thing, walking the tightrope is a hard thing, a very difficult thing." If anyone can say they've mastered it this season, it's UConn. Led by Walker, the junior guard on the verge of becoming the best player to ever put on a Huskies uniform,

Connecticut won five games in five nights against Big East competition to win the postseason tournament.

A remarkable accomplishment in any conference, but especially the Big East — the 16-team behemoth that placed a record 11 teams in the tournament this year. Maybe because of the grueling nature of its regular season, the Big East wore down and had a terrible showing, only moving two teams into the second weekend.

But Connecticut is still standing, a testament to Walker's playmaking ability (he's averaging 25.5 points during this 10-game winning streak) and Calhoun's ability to adjust on the fly to the fatigue that has predictably set in.

"Our code has been very simple: 'The hell with it, let's just go play basketball,'" Calhoun said. □

## Nuyens wins Tour of Flanders

**MEERBEKE, Belgium (AP)**

— Nick Nuyens of Belgium won the Tour of Flanders cycling classic on Sunday, beating France's Sylvain Chavanel and last year's winner Fabian Cancellara in a three-way sprint to the line.

In an unpredictable finish, 12 riders still had a chance with 3 kilometers (2 miles) to go, but Swiss rider Cancellara forced a final breakaway.

Nuyens won the 256-kilometer (159-mile) race over the rolling hills and cobblestone roads of northern Belgium in a time of 6 hours, 1 minute, 20 seconds.

Double-winner Tom Boonen finished fourth a few seconds back, ahead of Dutchman Sebastian Langeveld and American George Hincapie. Cancellara was the overwhelming favorite to take his second straight Tour of Flanders.

However, with 20 kilometers (12 miles) to go, the Swiss rider showed a moment of weakness on a breakaway with Chavanel and allowed the other favorites, including Nuyens, to come back.

"Even if you are super strong, you are beatable," Cancellara



Belgium's Nick Nuyens of the Saxo Bank team, right, smiles as he wins the Belgian cycling classic Tour of Flanders in Meerbeke, Belgium, Sunday, April 3, 2011. Sylvain Chavanel from France, left, of the Quickstep team placed second, Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara of the Leopard team became third.

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said. Nuyens of Saxobank is known for his tactical acumen and played it to perfection on Sunday, sensing Cancellara still had something left in him 3 kilometers from the line. Soon, Cancellara made his break. "It was the moment, my muscles were almost exploding, but I had to get hold of his wheel," Nuyens said. In the sprint, he just held off Chavanel. France's Chavanel had been involved in most of the race and was one of the early

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# Stacy Lewis wins first LPGA title

GREG BEACHAM  
AP Sports Writer

RANCHO MIRAGE, California (AP) — Stacy Lewis held off defending champion Yani Tseng of Taiwan to win the Kraft Nabisco Championship by three strokes on Sunday, earning her first LPGA Tour title in the year's first major.

Lewis shot a 3-under 69 to finish at 13-under 275, rallying from an early two-stroke deficit while going head-to-head with the world's top-ranked player.

She punctuated a tenacious back nine in gusty conditions at Mission Hills with a 20-foot par putt from the fringe on the 17th hole that broke abruptly to the left and dropped in, prompting a celebration from the gallery.

"I can't even believe it," said Lewis, who overcame scoliosis to become an elite golfer. "I've felt like I'm going to throw up all day. It's awesome. ... I just couldn't believe I made it (on the 17th hole). I thought I had a good shot from there, but I just tried to stay calm."

Lewis shared the first-round lead with Brittany Lincicome and opened a three-stroke

lead after two rounds, but Tseng came back on Saturday with a bogey-free 66 to take the lead.

Tseng lost her focus in her quest for her fifth title of the year, however, shooting a 74 and bogeying four times in the final round on Sunday.

Morgan Pressel, Katie Fetherston and Angela Stanford finished nine strokes behind Lewis in a share of third place.

Pressel, the 2007 Kraft Nabisco champion, and Michelle Wie both faltered badly in their final rounds after starting the day within striking distance of Tseng and Lewis. Pressel shot a 76, while Wie had a 75 and fell to sixth place. After honing her swing and refining her approach over the past year, Lewis came into the season with high expectations. She lost to Tseng after holding a second-round lead in the Australian Masters seven weeks ago, but she played far better than her Taiwanese opponent on Sunday.

Lewis started out aggressively, making birdies on the second and third holes. Tseng's bogey on the fourth hole then allowed her to pull even.

Tseng retook the lead with a birdie putt on the eighth hole,



**Stacy Lewis celebrates after sinking her final putt to win the LPGA Kraft Nabisco championship golf tournament at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Sunday, April 3, 2011.**

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but Lewis immediately pulled back ahead with a long birdie putt on the ninth before Tseng missed a short par putt. Lewis

then went two strokes up with a 12-foot par putt on the 12th. Tseng had one more chance when Lewis bogeyed the 15th

to allow her to pull within one stroke, but she bogeyed the next two holes to lose the title. □



**Kevin Harvick (29) crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, April 3, 2011.**

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He also made a late charge last week to beat Busch and Jimmie Johnson at California.

"I hate to be the bad guy here, but winning's winning," Harvick said in Victory Lane.

Earnhardt had to fight hard to hold off Busch for second, and his losing streak stretched to 99 races. He had to fight hard to hold off Busch for second, and his losing streak stretched to 99 races. He's not won since Michigan in June 2008, his first season with Hendrick Motorsports.

"I am frustrated. I got close," Earnhardt said. "I ain't won in a long time. I was thinking at the end I was meant to win the damn race."

Busch led a race-high 151 laps, but was bumped from the front by Earnhardt and settled for third. It's the sec-

ond consecutive Sprint Cup race he's dominated, only to fade to third.

And it's the second race he could have won this weekend at Martinsville, but didn't. He finished second Saturday to Johnny Sauter in the Trucks Series race.

The first driver to arrive to the post-race press conference, Busch was forced to sit through Harvick and Earnhardt's television interviews, and walked off the stage when

Earnhardt said, "I don't think Kyle's real happy right now." Harvick, meanwhile, snapped the dominating run of Johnson and Denny Hamlin, who had combined to win the last nine races at Martinsville. Even though both were in the mix for the win, late-race issues took them out of conten-

tion.

Hamlin, the winner of the last three races here, had slow pit stops and his team brought him in early during green-flag stops to try to use strategy to win the race. It backfired and he finished 12th.

Johnson had a shot at winning until he was penalized for speeding onto pit road during yellow-flag pit stops, dropping him to 11th on the restart with 29 laps remaining. He finished 11th.

Juan Pablo Montoya finished fourth and was followed by Jeff Gordon and Matt Kenseth, who rallied from an early penalty that dropped him a lap down to finish sixth. Pole-sitter Jamie McMurray was eighth, and David Ragan, Clint Bowyer and Mark Martin rounded out the top 10. □

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## Phil Mickelson wins Masters tuneup in Houston

CHRIS DUNCAN  
AP Sports Writer

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Phil Mickelson outdueled Scott Verplank on Sunday to win the Houston Open, his first victory since last year's Masters.

The win moved Mickelson's world ranking to No. 3, while Tiger Woods dropped to No. 7.

It's the first time Mickelson has been ahead of Woods in the rankings since the week before Woods won the 1997 Masters for his first major championship.

Mickelson shot a 65 in the final round to finish 20-under par, three ahead of Verplank (68) and second-round leader Chris Kirk (67).

Lefty is hoping he can repeat some history at Augusta this week. He's the last player to win the week prior to a Masters victory, capturing the BellSouth Classic in 2006 before earning his second green jacket.

The Houston Open became the run-up event to Augusta in 2007.

Mickelson won for the fifth straight time when he's shot 63 or better in at least one of the rounds.

He tied the course record with a 63 on Saturday, his lowest round in two years.

The victory has an emotional tug for Mickelson.

Dr. Tom Buchholz, a radiation oncologist at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, has been treating Mickelson's wife and mother, Amy and Mary, who were both diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009.

Buchholz and about 30 mem-

bers of his staff were in the gallery all weekend, and Mickelson gave Buchholz the flag from the 18th hole after his round.

"Houston has become a special place for Phil and Amy," Buchholz said.

"They're two fantastic individuals, and it's truly been a privilege to have become part of their lives. Tremendously meaningful to me, to be part of this story."

Last year, Mickelson was out of contention on Sunday and pulled Buchholz, a former caddie, out of the crowd to carry his bag for three holes. This time, Mickelson was all business.

He and Verplank were in the final pairing, tied at 13-under par.

With his sore left wrist tightly wrapped, the 46-year-old Verplank was trying to become the oldest winner on tour since Rocco Mediate won the Frys.com Open last October at 47. He took an early two-shot lead when Mickelson bogeyed two of his first three holes.

Mickelson got rolling late in his front nine, running off five straight birdies between the 9th and 13th holes.

He put it out of reach with a birdie on the par-3 16th, dropping his tee shot within five feet.

Verplank hit his tee shot on 16 into the greenside bunker, and two-putted for bogey to slip three back.

Mickelson finished with two pars to earn his 39th victory, tying Tom Watson and Cary Middlecoff for ninth on the career list.

He won for the 21st time in 30 tournaments when he's led

or shared the lead after three rounds.

By the time Mickelson teed off Sunday, the wind was blowing as hard as it had all weekend, but there were still low scores possible.

Charles Howell III played early and finished a 5-under 67, just as Mickelson was walking to the first tee.

Mickelson ignited a roar from the huge gallery on No. 1, chipping in from behind the green for birdie.

He hit errant drives on Nos. 2 and 3, then birdied the par-3 seventh to start his charge.

While Verplank and Mickelson went back and forth, other challengers fell away.

Aaron Baddeley reached 15 under, then dunked his second shot in the pond on No. 11 and dropped a shot.

Defending champion Anthony Kim got to 12 under, then hit his tee shot into the water on the 11th and took bogey. Kirk, a rookie who needed a win to qualify for Augusta, couldn't catch up after a bogey on No. 9.

Lefty tried to use his length advantage over Verplank on the 319-yard 12th, driving onto the front of the green, 66 feet away.

He two-putted from there for his fourth straight birdie and his 16th in 30 holes.

Verplank three-putted the par-3 14th, leaving Mickelson alone at the top.

Mickelson three-putted the par-5 15th, but then widened the gap for good on the 16th green. Brandt Jobe hit a hole-in-one on the 174-yard seventh hole, the 10th ace on tour this year. □



Phil Mickelson hits out of a bunker on the eighth hole during the final round of the Houston Open PGA Tour golf tournament on Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Humble, Texas.

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### Study supports fixing heart valves



This image provided by Edwards Lifesciences shows a graphic of the Edwards SAPIEN valve. A long-awaited study suggests that many people with bad aortic valves can have them replaced through a tube into an artery instead of open-heart surgery.

**By M. MARCHIONE**  
**Associated Press**

NEW ORLEANS — Cardiologists are reporting a major advance: A long-awaited study suggests that many people with a bad aortic valve, the heart's main gate, can avoid open-heart surgery and have a new one placed through a tube in an artery instead.

There is a downside: a higher risk of stroke and uncertainty about how long these valves will last. Still, doctors predict-

ed that if the new valve wins federal approval, patients would embrace it as they did balloon angioplasty, which has allowed millions to have clogged arteries fixed without an operation. "The fact that it's not open-heart surgery sells itself, and the rest gets lost in the mix," said Dr. Craig Smith, heart surgery chief at Columbia University and New York-Presbyterian Hospital. He led the study and gave results Sunday at an American

College of Cardiology conference in New Orleans.

Dr. Michael Crawford, chairman of the meeting and cardiology chief at the University of California, San Francisco, called it "a historic event" that would dramatically change practice. "As good as surgery is, patients just don't want it," he said. The aortic valve can stiffen and narrow with age, making the heart strain to push blood through it. Severe cases are treated with surgery to replace the valve, but that's risky for many older people who have this problem. Without an operation, half die within two years.

The study tested a way to wedge in a new valve without surgery. Dr. Edward McNulty, a cardiologist at the University of California, San Francisco, explained how it works: Through an artery in the groin or the chest, "a new heart valve is literally crimped on a balloon and advanced across the narrowed, older, diseased heart valve." □

### Five new genes linked to Alzheimer's

PARIS — Scientists said Sunday they had uncovered five genes linked to the onset of Alzheimer's disease, doubling the number of genetic variants known to favor the commonest form of dementia.

The findings, published in the journal Nature Genetics, may provide clues on the causes of this incurable and complex disease and help doctors predict who is most at risk, they said. In the largest such studies to date, some 300 scientists in two consortia combed the genomes of 54,000 people some afflicted, others not to tease out the newly identified genetic variations.

The two projects started out independently but later swapped their data, enabling each group to confirm the overall findings.

"Prior to these studies, there were five accepted late-onset genes," said Gerard Schellenberg, a researcher at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and the main architect of one of the studies.

"Now there are five more MS4A, ABCA7, CD33, EPHA1 and CD2AP," he said in an email exchange.

Identifying which snippets of DNA contribute to Alzheimer's boosts our understanding of the role of inheritance in its onset, Schellenberg said, adding that others surely remained to be found.

But, he added, "the biggest contribution will be in helping to understand the underlying mechanism that causes Alzheimer's. These genes highlight new pathways that are critical to the disease process."

Over the course of the illness, unwanted proteins form plaque in some areas of the brain, ultimately destroying neurons and leading to irreversible brain damage. Typically, symptoms include memory loss, erratic behaviour and eventually full-on dementia.

The ultimate aim, said Schellenberg, is creating drugs that can stop or even prevent this progression. □



Powerful Antibiotics

### Research Warns of Overuse of powerful class of antibiotics

WASHINGTON — The use of a powerful class of antibiotics called carbapenems has increased dramatically in the United States over the past five years, a new study shows.

The increased use of these drugs widely regarded as the last option for treating severe infections caused by multidrug-resistant bacteria is cause for concern because carbapenem-resistant bacteria are becoming more common, the researchers said.

Overuse of carbapenem drugs could lead to the reduction of their effectiveness against tough-to-treat infections.

For this study, the researchers analyzed antibiotic use in 110 VA facilities from 2005 to 2009. They found a gradual rise in overall antibiotic use, but major increases in the use of certain types of antibiotics: carbapenems; intravenous vancomycin; and combinations of penicillin with beta-lactamase-inhibitors.

The investigators also found that fluoroquinolones were the most frequently used class across all the VA facilities, accounting for 20 percent of all antibiotic use.

The study was to be presented Sunday at the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) annual meeting, in Dallas. "Use of these antibiotics helps the patient receiving the treatment, but has future consequences for innocent bystanders. The more these drugs are used, the more resistance we see," study author Dr. Makoto Jones said in a society news release.

"In this era of multidrug-resistant organisms, clinicians are placed in a difficult situation," Dr. Steven Gordon, SHEA president, said in the news release. "As treatment outcomes of many bacterial infections are influenced by the timing of appropriate therapy, the increasing presence of resistant organisms triggers broader use of these powerful antibiotics for proven or suspected infections when treating patients in the hospital." Gordon added that doctors "must always put the patient first in treatment decisions but we must empower effective antibiotic stewardship programs, infection prevention and control efforts, the development of new diagnostic testing to facilitate better treatment decisions as well as support development of new antibiotics." □

## Sweden's Ericsson suing Chinese rival ZTE Corp.

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — Swedish wireless equipment maker LM Ericsson said it is suing Chinese rival ZTE Corp. for alleged infringement of several of its patents in handset and network technology.

Fredrik Hallstan, a spokesman for the Stockholm-based group, said lawsuits were filed in Britain, Germany and Italy on Friday, after several attempts to get the Chinese telecom equipment maker to sign a patent licensing agreement had failed. "This has been going on for many years," Hallstan said, declining to give any details on the total sum demanded in the lawsuits or exactly how many patents are concerned. "This is a last resort." □

# Google profile in China shrinking

JOE McDONALD

AP Business Writer

**BEIJING (AP)** — A year after a public spat with Beijing over censorship, Google Inc. says its business with Chinese advertisers is growing even as the Internet giant's share of online searches in China plunges.

A major Chinese portal announced last week it would no longer use Google for search, compounding its rapid loss of market share since March last year when it closed its local search engine. The future of a Google map service that is a key part of its remaining appeal in China is in doubt.

Google's main presence in China has become its adver-

tising sales offices, an unusual situation for a company that dominates the Internet elsewhere.

Google risked being completely shut out of China after it angered Beijing by announcing last January it no longer wanted to comply with Web censorship. It dodged that fate but without a flagship local online presence, analysts say Google will fall further behind local industry leader Baidu Inc. as a search provider, while the controversy makes it hard to line up Chinese partners for other ventures.

"Chinese companies will think twice before they can have any kind of relationship



In this March 25, 2010 file photo, a Chinese flag flaps in the wind in front of the Google China headquarters in Beijing.

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with Google," said Edward Yu, president of Analysys International, a research firm in Beijing.

Google, based in Mountain View, California, says it sees its biggest opportunities in

China in selling advertising on behalf of local websites or to companies that want to reach customers abroad through its

global sites.

Google was allowed to keep advertising sales offices in China. Beijing had an incentive to let those stay, because they benefit local websites and advertisers.

"Google's revenue in China has grown year-on-year," said a company spokeswoman, Jessica Powell, in an e-mail.

"Our business in China is doing well. We have hundreds of partners — large and small — who we continue to work with." Yet its public relationship with Beijing is chilly. After Chinese authorities stepped up Web censorship following pro-democracy protests in the Middle East, Google said last month the government was obstructing access to its Gmail e-mail service and trying to make the blockage look like a technical problem. The government denied the accusation.

This week, the government newspaper Economic Daily said three Google units that deal with research and development, customer support and advertising were under investigation for possible tax offenses. State media played up the report and one newspaper called the company "Brother Trouble," a play on its Chinese name. Google said in a statement, "We believe we are, and always have been, in full compliance with Chinese tax law." Mainland users can reach Google's Chinese-language site in Hong Kong, a self-governing Chinese territory without Web censorship. That comes with a big drawback: Beijing's filters can make access sluggish, reducing the site's appeal in China, which has more than 450 million people online. □

## Activists call for renewable energy at U.N. meeting

DENIS D. GRAY

Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Citing the nuclear disaster in Fukushima, environmental activists at a U.N. meeting Sunday urged bolder steps to tap renewable energy so the world doesn't have to choose between the dangers of nuclear power and the ravages of climate change.

The call came at the opening of the six-day meeting aimed at implementing resolutions tabled at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico, in December.

Senior officials from governments and international organizations will already be playing some catch-up as deadlines — including one for the formation of a multibillion fund to help developing nations obtain clean-energy technology — have been missed along a roadmap leading to another climate summit at the end of the year in Durban, South Africa.

Before the Bangkok meeting, the U.N.'s top climate change official warned that a very significant global effort would be required to keep temperatures from rising more than 2 degrees Celsius (3.8 F) above preindustrial levels — an agreement reached in Cancun between 193 countries, most of which are represented here.

Pledges to reduce emissions made by countries so far equal only 60 percent of what scientists say is required by 2020 to stay below the two-degrees threshold, Christiana Figueres said. "We did the easy thing at Cancun and left the difficult ones for Durban. And the politics are getting more difficult this year than last," said Artur Runge-Metzger, a European Union climate change official, pointing to efforts by Republicans to block some of President Barack Obama's efforts to reduce emissions.

"We need to see big strides forward before we get to Durban. We have to speed up the pace of work," Runge-Metzger said. One of the issues taken up in Bangkok will be the formation of the Green Climate Fund, which is to aid developing nations obtain clean-energy technology. Governments have agreed to mobilize \$100 billion a year, starting in 2020, but a "transition committee" to design the fund, which was to have been formed last month, is still being discussed along with exactly how the



In this photo taken Sunday March 20, 2011, a biogas power plant and wind turbines are seen after sunset in Nauen, Germany.

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money will be raised.

Technology committees and other institutions to implement resolutions are still on negotiating tables, and it was unclear how much the delegates could accomplish in Bangkok.

The World Wide Fund for Nature said the Bangkok talks needed to build on the "fragile compromise" at Cancun and "boost the overall ambition levels of the talks if we are to avert the worst consequences of climate change."

Greenpeace, another non-governmental organization, said that in light of the Japan disaster, governments represented in Bangkok were obliged to speed up changes in their energy sectors and promote green technologies.

"The world does not have to choose between climate disasters and disasters caused by dangerous energy like nuclear. We can choose a safe future where our societies are powered by renewable energy," it said. As the conference began, activists from Asian and African countries began a weeklong protest outside the United Nations building, carrying an effigy of Uncle Sam to symbolize the role of the industrialized world in climate change. They said rich nations owed a huge climate debt to be repaid to developing ones by funding and technology transfer. The global effort to avert climate change began with a 1992 U.N. treaty, when the world's nations promised to do their best to rein in carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases emitted by industry, transportation and agriculture. □

**Vivendi to take full control of SFR**

**NEW YORK** — Vivendi SA said Sunday that it agreed to acquire Vodafone Group PLC's 44 percent stake in French mobile operator SFR for 7.95 billion euros (\$11.3 billion).

The long-anticipated deal will give Vivendi full control of the company, which generates more revenue for the conglomerate than any other division. Vivendi already owns a 56 percent stake in SFR. Jean-Bernard Levy, chairman of Vivendi, said in a statement late Sunday that the purchase will help the telecommunications and entertainment giant focus on profitable growth and innovation. □

**Southwest Air cancels 300 flights Sunday**

**Southwest Airlines Flight 812**, which was headed from Phoenix to Sacramento, Calif., sits safely on the tarmac at the Yuma International Airport after being forced to make an emergency landing, Friday, April 1, 2011 in Yuma, Ariz.

**NEW YORK** — Southwest Airlines cancelled about 600 flights this weekend as the airline continues its inspection of 79 of its Boeing 737 aircraft, in the aftermath of an emergency landing of one of its planes on Friday. The airline cancelled 300 flights Sunday after canceling the same number on Saturday. Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Whitney Eichinger says it still hasn't made a decision about Monday's flights.

Southwest normally has about 3,400 flights each day though it's slightly reduced on Saturday. That means that almost 9 percent of the total number

**Minmetals offers \$6.5 billion for Equinox**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Minmetals Resources says it intends to make an all-cash offer to acquire Equinox Minerals Ltd. for \$6.3 billion Canadian (US\$6.5 billion). The deal marks the company's first investment in the African cop-

"The transaction will create a significant increase in Vivendi's adjusted net income, enabling us to raise the dividend to our shareholders," he said. The deal is expected to be completed by June. As part of the deal, SFR and Vodafone will extend their joint commercial cooperation for another three years.

Vodafone, one of the world's largest wireless providers, has been under pressure from shareholders to unload some of its minority-owned assets. Late last year, the company said it is cutting its operating sectors from three to two, and moving minority stakes outside those new divisions. □

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The No. 2 official at the U.S. Agriculture Department recently got a real-life lesson in the loose definition of the trendiest word in groceries: "local." Walking into her neighborhood grocery store in Washington, Kathleen Merrigan saw a beautiful display of plump strawberries and a sign that said they were local produce. But the package itself said they were grown in California, well over 2,000 miles away.

The popularity of locally grown food — which many assume means the food is fresher, made with fewer chemicals and grown by smaller, less corporate farms — has led to an explosion in the use of the word "local" in food marketing. It's the latest big thing after the surge in food marketed as "organic," another subject of continuing labeling controversy. But what does local mean? Lacking common agreement, sellers capitalizing on the trend occasionally try to fudge the largely unregulated term. Some grocery stores may define local as within a large group of states, while consumers might think it means right in their hometown.

"It's a sales gimmick," says Allen Swann, a Maryland farmer who became frustrated when he realized a nearby grocery chain was selling peaches and corn from New York and New Jersey as local produce. "They are using the word local because of the economic advantage of using the word local."

A federal definition is unlikely because of the diversity of crops and growing regions around the country. A set dis-

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## Locally grown? It all depends on how you define it

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Associated Press



In this July 21, 2010 file photo Richard Ball, left, and his son Ethan, load produce cartons that are bound for families in New York City at Schoharie Valley Farms in Schoharie, N.Y.

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tance or definition that works for one state or one crop may not make sense for others. But some states have taken a crack at it.

Vermont defines "local" as grown within the state or within 30 miles of where it is sold. Massachusetts has similar restrictions for the word "native." And numerous other states have made it easier for local farmers to advertise that their food was produced in-state.

Maryland recently proposed a new rule that would require retailers to disclose what state a food is from if they adver-

tise it as locally grown. Maryland Agriculture Secretary Earl "Buddy" Hance says the state settled on that approach so consumers could be the ones to decide what they think is local.

"We were concerned that when a consumer went into a store and saw that they were buying 'local' corn they thought they were supporting Maryland farmers, and that wasn't always the case," he says.

The U.S. Agriculture Department has found that there is no generally accepted definition of local food. With few

regulations, retailers have different standards.

Whole Foods Market says a food cannot be labeled as local unless it traveled to the store in seven or fewer hours by car or truck.

Wal-Mart labels produce as local if it is from the same state where it is sold.

Other supermarket chains define local as within regions that can encompass four or five states. Many retailers just leave it up to individual store managers.

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more jobs and profits for local farmers and higher produce sales in stores. The department estimates that locally grown foods will generate \$7 billion in sales this year, up from \$5 billion in 2007.

The department's Merrigan says the local movement has bigger challenges than labeling, such as bringing enough infrastructure to rural areas and widening distribution networks as consumers demand more locally grown food.

And they will continue to demand it, says Melissa Abbott, director of culinary insights at The Hartman Group, a Seattle-based consumer research group. She says the company's surveys show that consumer preferences for local foods have surmounted preferences for organic foods, and they will want food grown closer and closer to home as the trend continues.

"The idea of local is very beautiful to people," she says. "In the consumer's mind it represents a simpler, more gentle time."

The produce and retail industries see tremendous opportunities in the trend.

Ray Gilmer of the United Fresh Produce Association says the local label is generating the same enthusiasm as the organic movement, because consumers are learning more about what they buy.

Many stores have rearranged their purchasing and distribution networks to buy food closer to home. Others who can't bring in local produce will instead post a picture of the farmer or the name of the farm to help consumers feel more connected, Gilmer said.

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Unfortunately, companies not only tend to buy too much stock at the wrong time, they tend to buy too little when the time is right.

Two months after stocks hit their peak in 2007, the economy fell into its deepest recession since the 1930s. Stocks eventually hit a low in March 2009.

It was a perfect opportunity for companies to make up for their earlier ill-timed purchases with some well-timed ones.

They got tightfisted instead. Birinyi's Leiphart notes that many companies were understandably scared that a depression loomed, and so some pullback in repurchases was prudent. In the event, buybacks fell in 2009 to a fifth of what they were at the bull market high.

Home Depot followed the general pattern. After pouring \$10.8 billion into its stock in 2007, it bought just \$213 million in 2009 — or 2 percent as much, according to Birinyi.

Its stock hit a low of \$18 that year, half its price two years earlier.

Now its stock is rising and it's

## Why a jump in share buy-backs is not a bullish sign

By BERNARD CONDON  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK** — Companies are gobbling up their own shares this year. Should you join in the buying spree?

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Specialist John Urbanowicz, left, in a Cleveland Indians jersey, and trader John Panin, in a Boston Red Sox jersey and cap, in observance of Major League Baseball's opening day, talk on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, March 31, 2011.

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buying again along with plenty of others. But is repurchasing stock wise now that prices nearly doubled in two years? For its part, Home Depot says it is "disciplined and balanced" in allocating capital. It also notes its buybacks over the past eight years have averaged \$36 a share, below the closing price Friday of \$37.56.

The appeal of buybacks is that they make earnings per share rise. Consider a company that generates \$100 in profit a year and has issued 100 shares. The owner of a single share theoretically has claim to \$1 of those profits (\$100 divided by 100 shares). If the company buys half those 100 shares back, that investor's cut of profits doubles to \$2 even if overall profits don't change (\$100 divided by 50 shares). Another reason to repurchase shares is to compensate for stock options used to pay employees. Because they increase the share count, companies issuing options must repurchase just to keep per share profits from falling.

But even if companies get the timing right, buybacks can hurt investors. That's because it takes money away from better uses.

"At business school, you learn about the pecking order for cash." □

# Lambert looks for ACMs 'Revolution'



In this March 21, 2007 file photo, Miranda Lambert is shown on her tour bus in Nashville, Tenn.

By CHRIS TALBOTT  
Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS**—Miranda Lambert is conflicted about her entertainer of the year nomination at Sunday's Academy of Country Music Awards. Some of the nominated singers in the category sell out stadiums and are among the most popular artists in music, regardless of genre. She's just starting down that path and doesn't feel like she's reached that level.

At the same time, she can't deny the jump she's made since she stormed the ACMs last year and took home a

leading three awards, including the coveted album of the year for "Revolution." That album is still spawning hits and helped her to seven nominations for Sunday's awards show, which will air live from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on CBS. Her fiancée, Blake Shelton, is co-hosting the ceremony with Reba McEntire. "I feel like maybe I'm just being humble and I don't know that I should take it home yet because I know Brad Paisley's doing stadiums now," Lambert said. "I'm not there yet. But it is up to the fans, so if I did win that'd be awesome. I know I have tons of work under my belt now, but I still have more to go."

Fan voting makes this year's entertainer award especially hard to predict. Neither Carrie Underwood nor Kenny Chesney winners of the last six entertainer awards are nominated this year. And only two-time winner Toby Keith has taken home the ACM's top award. Paisley, Taylor Swift and Keith Urban have won the competing Country Music Association artist of the year awards, but have yet to breakthrough in Sin City. □

## Charlie Sheen 'torpedo' show bombs

By Michael Thurston  
Associated Press

**DETROIT, Michigan**—Critics, fans and the Twittersphere lashed troubled US actor Charlie Sheen on Sunday after he was booed off stage in a chaotic start to a live show US tour.

Sheen maintained an uncharacteristic silence on his own Twitter feed after fans walked out of his "Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat is not an Option" debut show in Detroit on Saturday night.

"It was the worst thing I've ever seen in my entire life," said Jennifer Pyryt, 26, after fans streamed out of the Motor City's Fox Theater, many of them booing and doing thumbs-down signs. "The show was horrible."

By Sunday afternoon hours



A patron of Charlie Sheen's show at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, Michigan shows her displeasure following a performance which saw Sheen walk off the stage.

before Sheen was due on stage for the second gig his last tweet was the one he made live during the Detroit show, saying: "The most honest city in the world honors the most honest man in the universe." □

*Adele retains crown*

# J-Lotops U.K. singles

**LONDON**—Jennifer Lopez's new entry "On The Floor" knocked Adele off the top of the U.K. singles chart on Sunday but the young British soul singer is still dominating and breaking records with album sales.

The Official Charts Company said Adele's "21" and "19" albums clung to the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in the longplayer chart, seeing off new entries from "X Factor" contestant Mary Byrne, indie band Radiohead and U.S. diva Britney Spears. Adele, whose rendition of ballad "Someone Like You" at the 2011 BRIT awards in February won over a new army of fans, has been at the peak of the album charts for 10 weeks a run of success not seen since Dire Straits' "Brothers In Arms" in 1986. Her second album "21" the year's best-selling LP racked up more than 250,000 sales this week, enjoying a 65 percent boost in the run-up to Mothering Sunday. "Someone Like You" has also become 2011's top selling single.

J-Lo's single, featuring rapper Pitbull, is her third No. 1 hit, selling more than 130,000 copies this week. □



Jennifer Lopez

*At Kids' Choice*

## Depp, Cyrus win but avoid slime

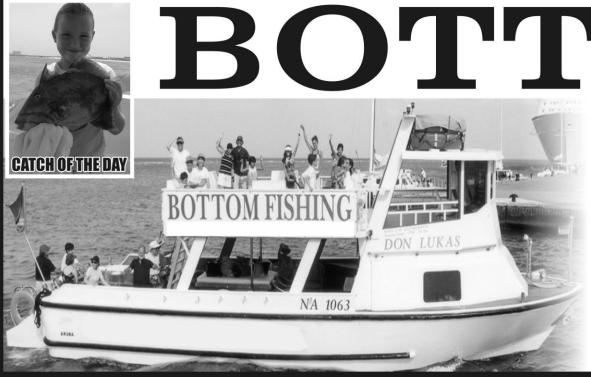


Show host Jack Black gets slimed at Nickelodeon's 24th Annual Kids' Choice Awards

By DERRIK J. LANG  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES**—Johnny Depp showed his appreciation for his Kids' Choice Award with a sliming. After earning the blimp-shaped favorite movie actor trophy for his Mad Hatter role in "Alice in Wonderland," Depp manned a hose and unleashed waves of green goo on the screaming crowd of more than 10,000 kids and a few adults. "You guys are the future," he said Saturday before spraying the slime inside University of Southern California's Galen Center. "Take good care of us."

The screaming mob at Nickelodeon's 24th annual fan-favorite ceremony later revolted by flicking the goo at "Modern Family" co-star Rico Rodriguez and "Arthur" leading man Russell Brand as they presented Eddie Murphy with the award for favorite voice from an animated movie for his role in "Shrek Forever After." □



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Actor Russell Brand arrives at the premiere of Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment's "Hop" at CityWalk in Universal City, California, in March 2011. "Hop," a live action-animated Easter-themed romp featuring the voice of Brand, debuted atop the North American box office earning \$38 million, according to preliminary industry figures

## 'Hop' bounces to top of box office

LOS ANGELES — "Hop," a live action-animated Easter-themed romp featuring the voice of British bad boy Russell Brand, debuted atop the North American box office earning \$38 million, according to preliminary industry figures Sunday. Brand's character E.B., the teenage son of the Easter Bunny, wants rock-n-roll fame in Hollywood instead of taking over the family business. Critics gave PG-rated "Hop" mixed reviews, saying it's void of emotion but palatable. Jake Gyllenhaal's sci-fi thriller "Source Code" debuted at number two with \$15 million. Gyllenhaal's character is part of a government experiment to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train. "Insidious," a horror

flick in which a couple and their three young children find themselves living in a haunted house, debuted in third place, earning just under \$13.5 million, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations. Last weekend's top-grossing film "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules" fell to fourth with \$10.2 million, giving it just over \$38 million in four weeks. It was the second screen adaptation from the popular kids book series.

"Limitless," in which Bradley Cooper plays an author who tries to stimulate his creativity by sampling a revolutionary new drug, was fifth with \$9.4 million. Sixth place went to the Matthew McConaughey drama "The Lincoln Lawyer," which grossed \$7 million. □

*At NY conference*

## Academics to dissect Bob Dylan

By KILEY ARMSTRONG  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than three decades have passed since Bob Dylan brought the plight of boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter into the public consciousness: "Criminals in their coats and their ties are free to drink martinis and watch the sun rise while Rubin sits like Buddha in a 10-foot cell, an innocent man in a living hell." Dylan championed the case of Carter, a former middleweight boxer convicted twice of a 1966 triple murder. And in the end, Carter was freed after 19 years in prison; a federal judge found that the conviction was tainted by racial bias and that Carter and his co-defendant were denied their civil rights.

Now, academics from around the country will examine the implications of that song and others during "Bob Dylan and the Law," a conference presented by Fordham University's law and ethics center and Touro Law School.

"We basically said to people who write and think about the law and who also happen



On this Dec. 8, 1975 file photo, Bob Dylan performs before a sold-out crowd in New York's Madison Square Garden, during a benefit concert for former Boxer Rubin Hurricane' Carter. Carter was eventually freed after serving 19 years in prison for three murders he didn't commit.

to like Dylan's music, 'find a way to put them together; tell us how Dylan relates to your academic work or your thinking,'" said Fordham professor Bruce Green, one of the organizers. An academic session on Tuesday follows a night public panel discussion at Fordham in Manhattan.

"We think it's important once in a while to have fun, and to free the scholarly imagination," Green said. "Good scholarship and good teaching require it. It's a lens through which to look at the relationship between law, society and culture. We hope it leads some scholars to think things they haven't thought before." Green has been a Dylan fan since high school. "My parents couldn't stand it they liked Frank Sinatra. They thought Dylan was just whining, and that listening to him was a waste of time," he wryly noted. "Now I am vindicated. I can say that, all along, I was setting the stage for future scholarship." Another conversation topic at the conference will be "The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll." In 1963, tobacco farmer William D. Zantinger was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six months in jail plus a \$500 fine for killing Hattie Carroll, a barmaid at a society charity dance. □

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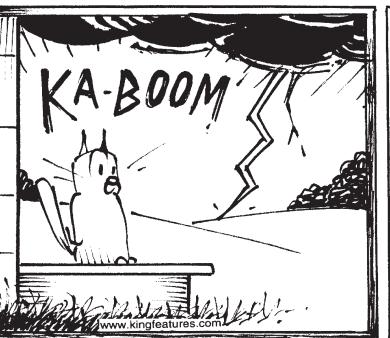
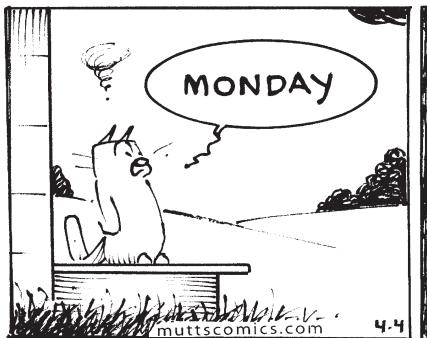
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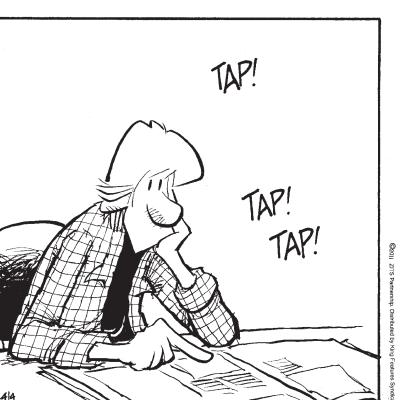
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3 Calls a halt to \_\_\_\_\_  
4 "Spay and \_\_\_\_\_", ASPCA advice  
5 Arbor  
6 Deep pit  
7 Undergarments  
8 Hearing organ  
9 Energetic one  
10 Portuguese-Spanish explorer  
55 Rejoices  
56 Giving alms  
60 Evergreen tree  
61 Heroic tale  
63 Leg bone  
64 Tavern orders  
65 Rooster  
66 Kick out, as tenants  
67 Not as much  
68 Connects  
69 Classroom furniture  
**DOWN**  
1 Insulting remark  
27 Correct text  
28 Skunk's defense  
29 Sports building  
32 In debt  
34 Celebration  
35 Wickedness  
36 Late actor Foxx  
38 Not diplomatic  
40 Camry or Jetta  
43 Tiny bit  
45 Twirled  
48 Roach or bee  
50 One born in the place he dwells  
51 India's neighbor  
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# Piñera llama a Bolivia a respetar tratados internacionales

**CHILE (AP)** - El presidente chileno Sebastián Piñera y su colega boliviano Evo Morales prosiguieron el domingo su controversia sobre la mediterraneidad de Bolivia, que en los últimos días se desarrolla casi a diario a través de la prensa.

Piñera respondió a Morales que se deben respetar los tratados limítrofes, luego que el mandatario boliviano le dijera la víspera que señalar que es imposible discutir el retorno de Bolivia al mar es ignorar la historia y carecer de sentimientos. "Nuestro país tiene tratados limítrofes vigentes y eso hay que respetarlo", respondió Piñera a las declaraciones de Morales, que el sábado dijo que "quien en este momento dice que es imposible debatir, discutir el retorno al mar con soberanía a Boliv-

ia, ignora la historia". "Si respetamos los tratados, vamos a seguir por un camino fecundo, pero si ponemos en duda los tratados, ése es un camino que no queremos recorrer", añadió Piñera, que asistió a la largada del Maratón de Santiago.

Bolivia y Chile se enfrentaron en una guerra en 1879, y en 1904 firmaron un tratado limítrofe que estableció los límites definitivos, por los cuales el vecino país perdió su acceso soberano al mar.

Para La Paz recuperar su salida al Pacífico con soberanía es una política de Estado.

El gobernante chileno afirmó el viernes que es "imposible" darle esa salida soberana al mar a Bolivia. El diálogo entre ambos países pareció enripiar definitivamente luego que Chile y Bolivia crearon a mediados de enero una "comisión

de alto nivel" para enmarcar las negociaciones en torno a una agenda de 13 puntos definida en el 2006, que incluye el espinoso punto de la salida al mar soberana que demanda La Paz. La instancia sería encabezada, por primera vez, por los respectivos cancilleres. Durante la primera reunión del consejo, a comienzos de febrero, el canciller boliviano David Choquehuanca aseveró que "tenemos la esperanza y la capacidad para alcanzar una solución en el marco del diálogo bilateral". Sin embargo, Bolivia anunció sorpresi-

vamente el 23 de marzo que llevará su disputa limítrofe con Chile a la Corte Internacional de Justicia, con sede en La Haya, NICARAGUA - En esta foto manifestantes nicaragüenses se enfrentan contra la policía antimotín durante una protesta en Managua el pasado sábado, para expresar su rechazo a la reelección del presidente Daniel Ortega. La elecciones presidenciales en Nicaragua están programadas para el 6 de noviembre, 2011. (AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

que se alió con La Paz en la guerra de 1879. Bolivia exige recuperar su acceso al mar, mientras que Chile postula que los límites son inalterables y que seguirá otorgándole a La Paz facilidades portuarias para que movilice sus mercaderías, punto establecido en el tratado de 1904. El gobierno de Morales afirma que Santiago no cumple con el régimen de libre tránsito para sus mercancías. Según Bolivia, es posible seguir caminos paralelos para lograr su objetivo: mantener el diálogo bilateral y demandar a Chile en La Haya. □

**Ecuador:**

## Conaie rechaza referendo

**ECUADOR (AP)** - La mayor organización indígena del Ecuador acordó el domingo tras una asamblea con 3.500 integrantes rechazar la consulta popular planteada por el Ejecutivo y elegir un nuevo líder que tiene una postura más radical contra el gobierno del presidente Rafael Correa.

Reunidos desde hace 10 días en el IV congreso realizado en una población amazónica, los dirigentes eligieron a Humberto Cholango como nuevo presidente de la Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador (Conaie) en sustitución de Marlon Santi, que ocupó el cargo durante tres años.

Al comienzo de la gestión de Correa, la Conaie le expresó su apoyo e incluso le entregaron un bastón de mando que distingue a las autoridades indígenas; sin embargo, la posición expresada por la Conaie en la resolución emanada de este último congreso es crítica al gobierno y anuncia acciones de protesta.

El documento divulgado el domingo, al término de la asamblea, llama a una "gran movilización" para rechazar la consulta popular y las políticas de Correa, que fueron catalogadas como "neoliberales" y han afectado "los derechos colectivos" del sector y de la madre naturaleza. No se divulgó una fecha específica para la concentración. Además, convinieron reunirse

en sus comunidades y con las bases para promover el rechazo al referendo convocado por el gobierno por considerar que "atasta a los derechos humanos de los ecuatorianos y rompe con la independencia de funciones, base fundamental de un estado democrático". Cholango representa a los movimientos de la zona andina ecuatoriana que aglutina el mayor número de población indígena.

Como vicepresidente de la Conaie fue electo el dirigente de la amazonía Pepe Acacho, quien enfrenta una acción legal por "sabotaje", tras una protesta indígena que reclamaba por una ley sobre recursos hídricos y que provocó la muerte de un profesor shuar, en septiembre de 2009.

La consulta popular del 7 de mayo plantea la reestructuración de la función judicial, regulaciones para los medios de comunicación y el sistema financiero, así como la prohibición para la operación de casinos, juegos de azar y el sacrificio de animales en eventos públicos. □

## Reelección de Ortega produce confrontación en Nicaragua



**NICARAGUA** - En esta foto manifestantes nicaragüenses se enfrentan contra la policía antimotín durante una protesta en Managua el pasado sábado, para expresar su rechazo a la reelección del presidente Daniel Ortega. La elecciones presidenciales en Nicaragua están programadas para el 6 de noviembre, 2011. (AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

**Honduras:**

## Cierran temporalmente aeropuertos por humo

**HONDURAS (AP)** - Las operaciones en tres de los cuatro aeropuertos internacionales de Honduras han sido interrumpidas temporalmente durante la última semana a causa del humo causado por incendios forestales que deteriora la visibilidad, informaron el domingo autoridades. "La situación provoca temperaturas de hasta 40 grados centígrados y genera un calor sofocante en muchos lugares del territorio nacional", dijo

el domingo a la AP el meteorólogo del servicio nacional Oscar Zelaya. "El humo afecta la visibilidad en tres de los cuatro aeropuertos internacionales hondureños, donde es de apenas dos kilómetros por la mañana", añadió. Las disposiciones internacionales no permiten que un avión aterrice o despegue cuando la visibilidad es menor a tres kilómetros. El aeropuerto Toncontín de Tegucigalpa ha sido cerrado al menos tres horas

diarias durante una semana, al igual que La Mesa de San Pedro Sula y Golosón de La Ceiba, ambas ciudades norteamericanas. Solo la pista de Roatán, isla sobre el Caribe, no ha enfrentado mayores problemas. De acuerdo a estadísticas oficiales, entre enero y abril se registraron unos 667 incendios forestales que quemaron alrededor de 6.000 hectáreas de pinos, 225 en las proximidades de Tegucigalpa y 442 a nivel nacional. □

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